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4 HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC, :  
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8 vs. : Case No.  
9 : 2:23-CV-00641  
10 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS, CO., LTD, :  
11 et al., :  
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13 Defendants. :  
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15 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF VIEN-PHUONG NGUYEN

16 Via Zoom Videoconference

17 Friday, February 7, 2025  
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22 Stenographically Reported by:  
23 JUSTYNE N. JOHNSON  
24 RPR, CSR. No. 14301

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1 light of the ItsOn software? 15:37:07

2 A I guess that's my interpretation since I -- I map 15:37:09

3 it exactly by how we built the software. Because I -- I 15:37:12

4 understand, you know, that part -- that interpretation the 15:37:15

5 best. 15:37:18

6 Q Okay. But, for instance, if an expert were to 15:37:18

7 testify in court that there would be another way to meet 15:37:21

8 the claim limitations, you wouldn't have any way to 15:37:23

9 dispute that; right? 15:37:26

10 MR. GREEN: Objection. Leading. And lacks 15:37:28

11 foundation. 15:37:30

12 BY MR. KROEGER: 15:37:36

13 Q You can answer. 15:37:36

14 A I'm sure there's plenty of people that are 15:37:38

15 smarter than me, so... 15:37:40

16 Q And so if -- and so it's possible there might be 15:37:41

17 another way to interpret the claims and -- than -- than 15:37:44

18 how you testified earlier; correct? 15:37:47

19 A Sure. Certainly. 15:37:49

20 Q And you were asked a lot of questions about the 15:37:52

21 ideas in the '918 patent. The '918 patent is 118 pages; 15:37:55

22 correct? 15:38:03

23 A I would -- yeah. 118 page, yes. 15:38:05

24 Q And has -- if we look at the -- page 117, it has 15:38:09

25 128 columns of specification; correct? 15:38:13

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|---|---|-----------------|----------|
| 1 | A | That's correct. | 15:38:16 |
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|---|---|----------|
| 2 | Q And is it true that you have not read all 128 | 15:38:17 |
| 3 | columns of the specification?                   | 15:38:21 |

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|---|--|----------|
| 4 | A I only read what we were pointed to today. | 15:38:23 |
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| 5 | Q Okay. And so is it fair to say that you are not    | 15:38:27 |
| 6 | fully aware of all of the ideas that are in the '918 | 15:38:32 |
| 7 | patent?  | 15:38:36 |

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| 8 | MR. GREEN: Objection. Leading. Calls for a legal | 15:38:36 |
| 9 | conclusion.                                      | 15:38:39 |

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| 10 | BY MR. KROEGER: | 15:38:39 |
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| 11 | Q | And this is what -- are you aware of all of the | 15:38:40 |
| 12 |   | ideas that are in the '918 patent?              | 15:38:43 |

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| 13 | MR. GREEN: Objection. Leading. | 15:38:45 |
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| 14 | THE WITNESS: I don't know what the remaining parts | 15:38:49 |
| 15 | say because I haven't read it.                     | 15:38:52 |

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| 16 | BY MR. KROEGER: | 15:38:53 |
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| 17 | Q | Okay. And when you were talking about the ideas            | 15:38:53 |
| 18 |   | in the '918 patent, were you comparing it to your memories | 15:38:56 |
| 19 |   | of the ItsOn software?                                     | 15:39:00 |

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| 20 | A | Yes. | 15:39:01 |
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| 21 | Q | And if there are differences between the ideas in   | 15:39:02 |
| 22 |   | the '918 patent and the ItsOn software, do you know | 15:39:06 |
| 23 |   | what -- what those are, sitting here today?         | 15:39:10 |

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| 24 | MR. GREEN: Objection. Leading. Calls for a legal | 15:39:11 |
| 25 | conclusion.                                      | 15:39:19 |

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1 THE WITNESS: I mean, it's -- it's a loose mapping  
2 between what was written there and, you know, what we  
3 built. So I -- I can't describe what we built in exact  
4 detail, but I can only make a fuzzy mapping to what was  
5 written here.

6 BY MR. KROEGER:

7 Q And I think you agreed with Mr. Green that the  
8 Android operating system changes over time; correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And have you done -- and you've not done any  
11 analysis as to whether the Android operating system as it  
12 exists today uses any of the claims of the '918 patent;  
13 correct?

14 A I haven't looked at the Android OS internal since  
15 I left ItsOn because my new role operate in an entirely  
16 different space.

17 Q Do you know if -- and what is an "APK"?

18 A Application package -- what's the case network?  
19 I forgot. Application package something.

20 Q Okay. And what is an APK used for typically?

21 A So -- to package an app so that it can be  
22 distributed typically to Google -- Google Play Store.

23 Q Did ItsOn have an APK?

24 A It has as a -- so there are many component to the  
25 client-side software. There are the part that I work on

1 heavily, which is the part integrated with OS itself. So 15:40:46  
2 those are big unto device itself. But we also have an 15:40:49  
3 APK, which is kind of like the user-facing agent, where 15:40:53  
4 the user can interact with the software, that can push its 15:40:56  
5 plan, they can look at account. So that is an APK that's 15:40:59  
6 shipped through the Play store. Because that part, we 15:41:04  
7 want to be in update regularly. 15:41:06

8 Q Do you know if Samsung ever gained access to the 15:41:07  
9 ItsOn APK? 15:41:12

10 MR. GREEN: Objection. Leading. 15:41:12

11 THE WITNESS: I don't know what that referring to or 15:41:16  
12 which level because we always provide all the software to 15:41:18  
13 be -- for testing prior to any device release or major 15:41:22  
14 update. 15:41:26

15 BY MR. KROEGER: 15:41:26

16 Q Is there any reason -- so when you were at ItsOn, 15:41:29  
17 you worked with Samsung; correct? 15:41:33

18 A Yes. I work -- 15:41:35

19 MR. GREEN: Objection. Leading. 15:41:36

20 BY MR. KROEGER: 15:41:39

21 Q Did you work with Samsung while you worked at 15:41:39  
22 ItsOn? 15:41:41

23 A Yeah. I work with the Samsung engineer mostly 15:41:41  
24 for testing and, you know, fixing issues that come up. 15:41:44

25 Q And as -- as far as you're aware, is there any 15:41:47

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